AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently amended): A mobile communication device having an openable/closable case, a plurality of first operation units that are operable regardless of whether the case is opened or closed, a plurality of second operation units that are operable only when the case is opened, and a locking function for disabling processing associated with operation of the first and second operation units, comprising:

an opened/closed detection unit operable to detect an opened/closed state of the case;

a judging unit operable to judge whether a predetermined operation has been performed on at least one of the first operation units with the case in a closed state and the locking function enabled; and

an operation control unit operable, when the judging unit has judged in the affirmative, to enable processing associated with operation of at least one of the first operation units by temporarily canceling the locking function.

2.   (Previously presented): The mobile communication device of claim 1, wherein the operation control unit disables the enabled processing associated with operation of the at least one first operation unit, if the at least one first operation unit is not operated within a predetermined time period or if the case is opened.

3.   (Previously presented): The mobile communication device of claim 1, having a main screen operable to display information with the case in an opened state, and further comprising:

a sub-screen operable to display information with the case in a closed state, wherein the first operation units include an operation sub-unit provided on a same surface as the sub-screen and a side key provided on a main body lateral surface, and

processing associated with operation of the operation sub-unit provided on the same surface as the sub-screen is disabled when the lock function is enabled.

4.   (Currently amended): A method for controlling a mobile communication device having an openable/closable case, a plurality of first operation units that are operable regardless of

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whether the case is opened or closed, a plurality of second operation units that are operable only when the case is opened, and a locking function for disabling processing associated with operation of the first and second operation units, comprising the steps of:

detecting an opened/closed state of the case;

judging whether a predetermined operation has been performed on at least one of the first operation units with the case in a closed state and the locking function enabled; and

when the judging unit has judged in the affirmative, enabling processing associated with operation of at least one of the first operation units by temporarily canceling the locking function.